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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate East to Southeast winds
frightening at times. 10.00 a.m. 20.10 in.
Neon Observations: Barometric pressure 1020.7 mbs, 20.10 in.
Temperature 69.8 deg. F. Dew point 55 deg. F. Relative humidity
61. Wind direction ENE. Wind force 13 knots.
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Low water: 2 in. at 5.10
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A special issue of the Hongkong Telegraph, enlarged to 20 pages, will be published tomorrow (Saturday).

It will contain a host of exclusive Christmas features to suit all tastes, interests and ages, and will make indispensable seasonal reading, as well as offer helpful information.

The Christmas edition of the Telegraph is something which nobody can afford to miss.

Chiang Kai-shek Rumoured To Be In Canton

No Foundation For The Report

The Canton correspondent of the United Press reported this morning that strong rumours that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had arrived in the city swept Canton last night, but there was no concrete evidence to support this possibility.

Police patrols were strengthened, and throughout the day searched Chinese passers-by on Shamneen and elsewhere in the city.

The Telegraph telephoned a reliable source in Canton this morning and was told that it was extremely unlikely the Generalissimo was there.

The opinion was expressed that yesterday's searchings were routine and that they were carried out in too casual a manner to suggest that the authorities were taking precautions to safeguard any eminent visitor.

15-POUND BABY

Brussels, Dec. 16.—When Madame Hitchet gave birth to her thirteenth baby recently the doctor attending her claimed it was the largest baby ever born in Europe. The baby, which died shortly after birth, weighed 15 pounds 4 ounces. Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Volunteer Defence Force

REORGANISATION of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps is a natural post-war development, and with the existing international tension and uncertainty, the move is vested with a touch of urgency. The authorities anticipate that it will take two years to bring the new Force to a desired strength of 6,000, which is not exactly rushing things. But in observing this, Government, perhaps, must be credited with appreciating that it may not be an easy task to fill the ranks. While the conditions under which future Volunteers will join the Force are designed to correct the anomalies which caused a certain amount of discontent before the war, it is not easy to discover at the moment signs that the young men and women of the Colony are in an eager mood for Volunteering. This enthusiasm, as in England, may have to be created. The attractions held out to old Volunteers and to the younger who, it is hoped, will respond to the call, are better pay and allowances, more adequate protection for their dependents and recreational and social facilities. These, of course, are necessary features of any territorial or volunteer force, but it will remain to be seen whether they constitute a sufficient appeal. It is conceivable that it will be found necessary also to agitate the emotions and the spirit that, as in England, a recruiting campaign with all the trimmings will be required. While we unreservedly support and sympathise with the project of forming a Volunteer Defence Force of six to seven thousand strong, we think Government would be making a mistake in blandly assuming that number will be forthcoming merely by the passing of an Order-in-Council. No matter how attractive the provisions may be, it

is, possibly, more realistic to recognise that in this day and period the inclination of the average person is to avoid responsibilities and commitments outside of those associated with his daily work.

The quest to bring the new Volunteer Defence Force up to required strength must, therefore, be vigorously pursued. Conducted with imagination, a recruiting campaign cannot help but succeed, more especially as the constitution of the new force contains several, novel and appealing features. The intention to group all units and wings under one central headquarters is wise, and the proposal to introduce into the Force such auxiliaries as the Home Guard and fire fighting personnel will meet with general approval. There is a discernible endeavour to streamline the new Force which merits approval, and the emphasis which the Governor laid on the need for providing Volunteers with proper recreational and welfare facilities is certain to produce favourable reactions. But within the Ordinance itself there are certain points which will require further explanation. One is the repetition under pay, pensions and disability allowances of the phrase "appropriate to his unit". This could mean, of course, merely a distinction between the main body of the Force and the auxiliary services. But it might also mean a requirement to grade pay and other emoluments of units within the main structure of the force, i.e., the Regiment, the Naval Force, and the Air Force. To attempt to draw any such distinctions would be most unfortunate and would create resentment. The authorities might be well advised to clean up this point without delay, for the last thing they can afford to do is to entice Volunteers into the Force under any misunderstanding.

Peiping, Dec. 17.—General Fu Tsao-yl announced that all firing heard yesterday was due to Nationalist operations against the Communist forces, who invaded the new city area located outside Hsichihmen in the northwest, where the Summer Palace is located.

A spokesman claimed the invaders were "annihilated."

WATER SUPPLY WEAKENS

Peiping's water supply distribution pumps have weakened and electricity is fading, but it has been reinforced by 2,000 kilowatts from Tientsin.

The atmosphere generally continues unperturbed but the prices of necessities is increasing proportionately with the sound of gunfire which is heavy outside Peiping. Eight aeroplanes have arrived at Nanyuan airfield on the southern outskirts which soon became a target for field guns, precipitating hurried departures with some in-tended evacuees left behind.

The native population of Tientsin is storing kerosene preparatory to the blackout following the increasing demands upon the local power plants from Peiping and Tangku. —Reuters.

POINTS RECAPTURED

Peiping, Dec. 17.—General Fu Tsao-yl's headquarters announced on Thursday night recapture from the Communists of four points just outside the walls of Peiping.

The most distant point mentioned as recaptured was Shinchang-shan, site of the city power plant six miles west of Peiping. The city remained without electricity, as headquarters said the plant had been damaged.

Communist mortar shells began landing on the south air field, seven miles south of Peiping, during the afternoon. Eight planes evacuating personnel of the Chinese National Air Transport Corporation, and the Central Air Transport Company took off hurriedly.

The Lutheran chartered plane Saint Paul was warned off by radio as it started to land, so turned back to Tsinling. It had made a successful trip in the morning.

Inside the Communist surrounded city life was much as usual, except that thousands of civilians had been put to work building an emergency field for small planes on the north side of the old legation quarter.

Peiping has not fallen, although they—not the United Nations—were on trial. The people of the world are behind the United Nations; he told Reuters on the eve of his departure for Australia.

ENCIRCLEMENT BROKEN

Nanking, Dec. 16.—The Nationalist Armies broke the Communist encirclement of the 12th Army Group above Nanking, according to Government sources today, but the Red forces, far to the north, have

Guns In Readiness In Tientsin

FIGHTING NEAR TANGKU

Peiping Is Still Holding Out

Tientsin, Dec. 17.—The Nationalists have placed guns in position facing north between Tientsin's central and east railway stations in preparation for battle. The guns, mounted on earthen emplacements in the open space, are located not only within the city's protection dam but also within the municipal area limits. They resemble pill boxes which are now almost a feature of this city's streets.

Gun crews were keeping warm last night in the nearby residential area where soldiers, in threes and fours, squeezed themselves into any available room.

Many residential premises are now billeting troops whose movement on trucks have become suddenly evident.

A military spokesman here revealed last night that about two Communist divisions were engaged in fighting on the outskirts of Tangku, where rifle fire was audible.

Tangku harbour installation have been placed under military control and while the staff was believed to have remained behind, dependents withdrew as rapidly as the congested transport allowed.

The Westward Tientsin line was clear last night up to Lofa, 46 kilometres enroute to Peiping. The situation at Langfang, the next station, or at Fengtai, 19 kilometres from Peiping and the junction of the Peiping-Hankow railway, was not clear.

Government troops in Peiping last night took up positions at the Imperial Winter Palace, at Coal Hill, Chingshan, and at the Temple of the ancestors of the Manchu dynasty—all noted scenic spots inside the Forbin City.

Fighting in the suburbs of Peiping yesterday was primarily concentrated around Shihchingshan to the northeast, in villages outside Kwangnan, in the southwest, and somewhat below this area in the direction of the south airfield, with the nearest point only three miles from the city wall.

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ROOFTOP SPECTATORS

In Peiping itself, observers on rooftops could see the approaching Communists and the din of exploding shells was clearly audible, the reports said.

Pro-Government reports, however, admitted that the Nationalist Garrison at Hsiaotung, 35 kilometres from Peiping, had evacuated without falling back to join the defence of Peiping.

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The trend at present is to use the

United Nations as a dumping ground

for problems that the great powers

have failed to solve themselves.

Dr. Evatt considered that some of

the Assembly's greatest difficulties

had been caused by great power

disagreements existing before the

deliberations of the United Nations

and in some cases quite separately

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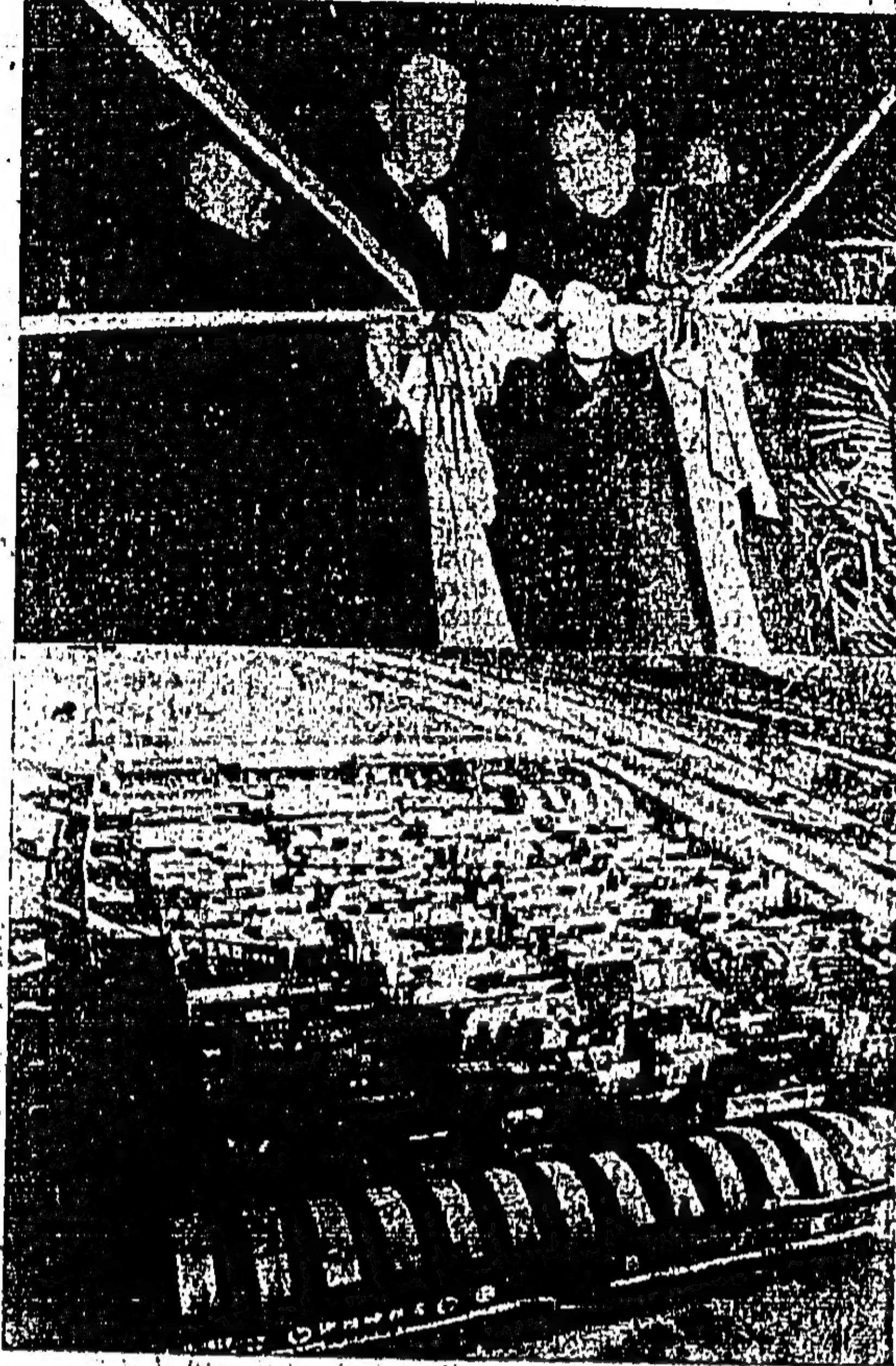
negative actions by the United Na-

tions, which will stand between

the world and a third world war.

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HK Products Exhibited



His Excellency the Governor opened yesterday the most ambitious exhibition of Hongkong-made products yet arranged. Top picture shows Sir Alexander Grantham cutting the silk tape. With him are Mr. Shum Chui-wah (right) and Mr. U Tui-chee, chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union. Lower photo is a bird's-eye view of the exhibition. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

FRENCH BLOW UP RUSSIAN RADIO TRANSMITTERS

Personal Protest By Soviet Commander

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The Soviet Commandant of Berlin, Major General Alexander Kotikov, tonight made a personal protest to the French Commandant, General Jean Ganeval, against the blowing up of the Soviet-controlled Berlin Radio transmitters in the French sector of the city.

German circles close to the Russian Military Administration said tonight that Moscow had sent direct orders to prepare for the carrying out of "severe counter measures." This report could not be confirmed.

General Kotikov, who drove to the French Military Government Headquarters, told General Ganeval that he could not accept as satisfactory his explanation that the transmitters were blown up because they constituted a danger to airlift at nearby Tegel Airport.

A French official spokesman said that General Ganeval "took note" of General Kotikov's protest but again asserted that the safety of British and American supply planes landing at Tegel Airport was the only consideration when he made his decision. The interview lasted less than 15 minutes.

Berlin Radio resumed medium wave transmissions shortly before 10 p.m. local time after a break of 12 hours.

Telegraph Radio director, Helmut Schmidt, after apologising to listeners for the "breakdown" said: "The transmitters were destroyed because, unlike our studios in the British sector of the city, they were not protected by Soviet arms."

"The actual blowing up of our transmitters was carried out by French sappers, but the order came from Washington. I am convinced that this action will be replied to. We will continue to use an emergency transmitter in the Soviet sector," —Reuter.

TEMPORARILY SILENCED

Berlin, Dec. 16.—French engineers on Thursday blew up the giant transmission towers of Radio Berlin, but only silenced temporarily Soviet Russia's most powerful propaganda voice in Germany.

Twelve hours after dynamite brought the two tall towers crashing to earth in the French sector, Soviet commentator Helmut Schmidt was back on the air and on the same wave length and apparently with the same broadcasting power. Radio Berlin's personnel refused to say how they managed it

Christmas Lament

Some take their Rose's iced and tall,

Others for the Gimlet call,

As East is East and West is West

It's hard to say which is the best.

But pity the man, who to this day

Hasn't tried it either way.

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WOMANSENSE

Winter Roses and Lilacs



By PRUNELLA WOOD

LADDIE NORTHRIDGE
has sewn his own garden (with millinery intentions) and the results include a fine crop of winter roses, lilacs and other pastel blooms not often fare for chilly, snowy weather. They will look mighty pretty snuggling into your fur collar, topping your pretty face and coiffure.

Left, a mink turban with a glossy pelt slung around her neck, low satin crown of ice blue. Stiff loops of the satin and two natural looking American beauty roses are a confectionery front trimming.

"Professional" Home Manicure



Courtesy Cutz
To avoid smudging your nail polish, steady both hands on a table before you apply polish.

By HELEN FOLLETT

PUTTING the rosy glow on those pink sheaths on her finger tips is something that no woman fails to do. To have her talons colourless is a good looks lapse. But keeping the nails in a healthy state, the surrounding cuticle soft and pliable, is something else again. It is a real beauty duty, not to be neglected.

Many women, busy these days as never before, find little time for professional attentions. Also, they may fancy that polish covers up good looks sins. Bad business. The finger nails can change in character as can the hair, the complexion, the feminine shape.

At least once a week the caves should be filed. Use a metal flexible file, pass the orange wood stick under the caves, use the emery board from sides to centre, so you won't sand into the flesh at the sides.

A pleasing oval is the prevailing mode. Not too long by the way. Claws are not fashionable.

Scrub your hands with warm soap suds and a brush, letting them

soak a few minutes so the flesh will be soft. Apply a cuticle cream, frictioning into the nails as well as the surrounding flesh. Use the stick gently, doing circles to free the cuticle. If you flush up hangnails, clip them carefully with the curved, needle point scissors.

To clean this caves you can use nail white with the stick or a pencil. The pencil is convenient, works quickly. Now for another hand scrubbing. Every bit of the cream must be removed. Or your polish will not endure. Rinse, dry your hands well.

Apply only a light film of the veneer and let it dry, then another application is in order.

You will be interested in the new polishes on display at cosmetic counters. More shades than you can imagine, ranging from deep, coral to the deepest wine tones. Some women are using lighter shades. Maybe just to please some members of the other sex who still say they dislike bright red fingernails.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Spiced Foods Have Variety

VARIETY may be the spice of life; but it's spice that leaves the spice exposed. But of course if this happens, the spice should be turned into a small glass jar with a screw top, carefully labelled and stored in a dark closet.

The following dinner is very inexpensive. But you will find every dish appealing and delicious because of the interesting seasonings that have been used; just enough to bring out natural flavour, but never enough to be overpowering.

Dinner

Lamb and Rice Ball Soup
Bean-Stuffed Green Peppers
Tomato Sauce
Green Peas
Poppy Seed Rolls
Butter or Margarine
Apple-Peach Scallop
Top Cream
Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Lamb and Rice Ball Soup

Combine 1 c. moist cooked rice with the food chopper together with 1 slice of onion and 2 sprigs parsley.

Add 1/2 tsp. powdered dried mint, 1/4 tsp. allspice and 1 egg yolk. Mix and shape into balls the size of walnuts.

If the mixture seems too dry to stick together, add 1 tsp. flour.

1 c. or 2 tbsp. milk or tomato juice.

Roll the balls in an egg white that is slightly beaten. Drop into 5 c. boiling lamb broth, made from left-over lamb bones and vegetables, seasoned with 1/2 tsp. pickle spice and reinforced as necessary with 1 or 2 bouillon cubes to bring up the meat flavour. Simmer about 12 min. Serve in soup plates, with 3 lamb and rice balls in each.

"No wonder the food tastes the same all the time," said the Chef. "They need the nutmeg and the mace; the allspice; the cinnamon bark and the whole cloves; the poppy, the celery seeds."

"I am disappointed," said the Chef, "that more people do not take advantage of the opportunity to use the variety of spices and herbs."

"That's a fair criticism," I answered. "Most homemakers seem to work with a very limited group of seasonings. Salt, pepper, bay-leaves, poultry seasoning, cinnamon, clove, ginger and table mustard are the usual seasonings in most households."

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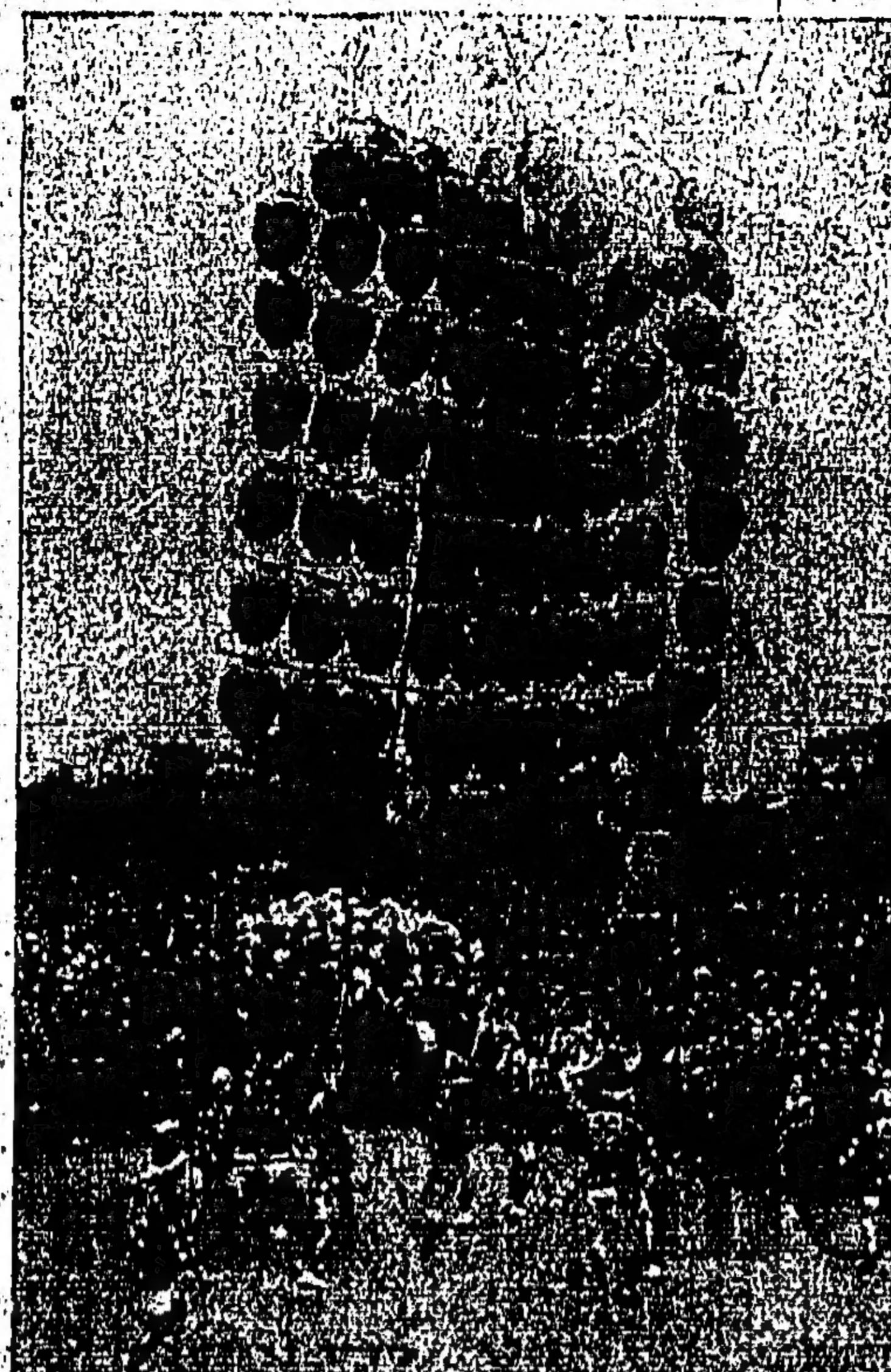
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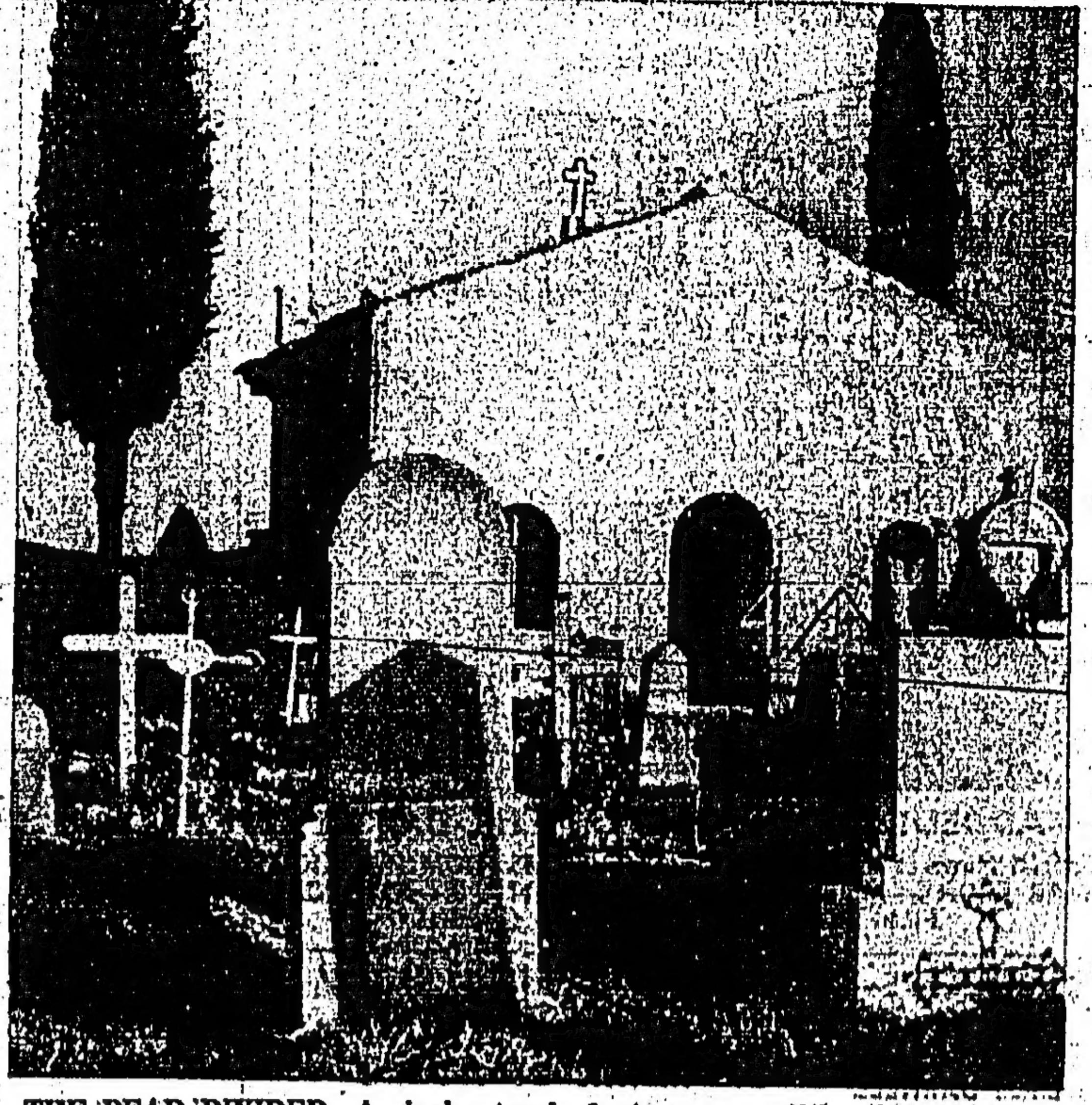
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



EBB TIDE—Mooring ropes form a picturesque pattern at low tide in the harbour at Clovelly, North Devon. Sheltered from the pounding surf by an ancient stone breakwater, the quaint little harbour is an anchorage for the many boats in the seaside town.



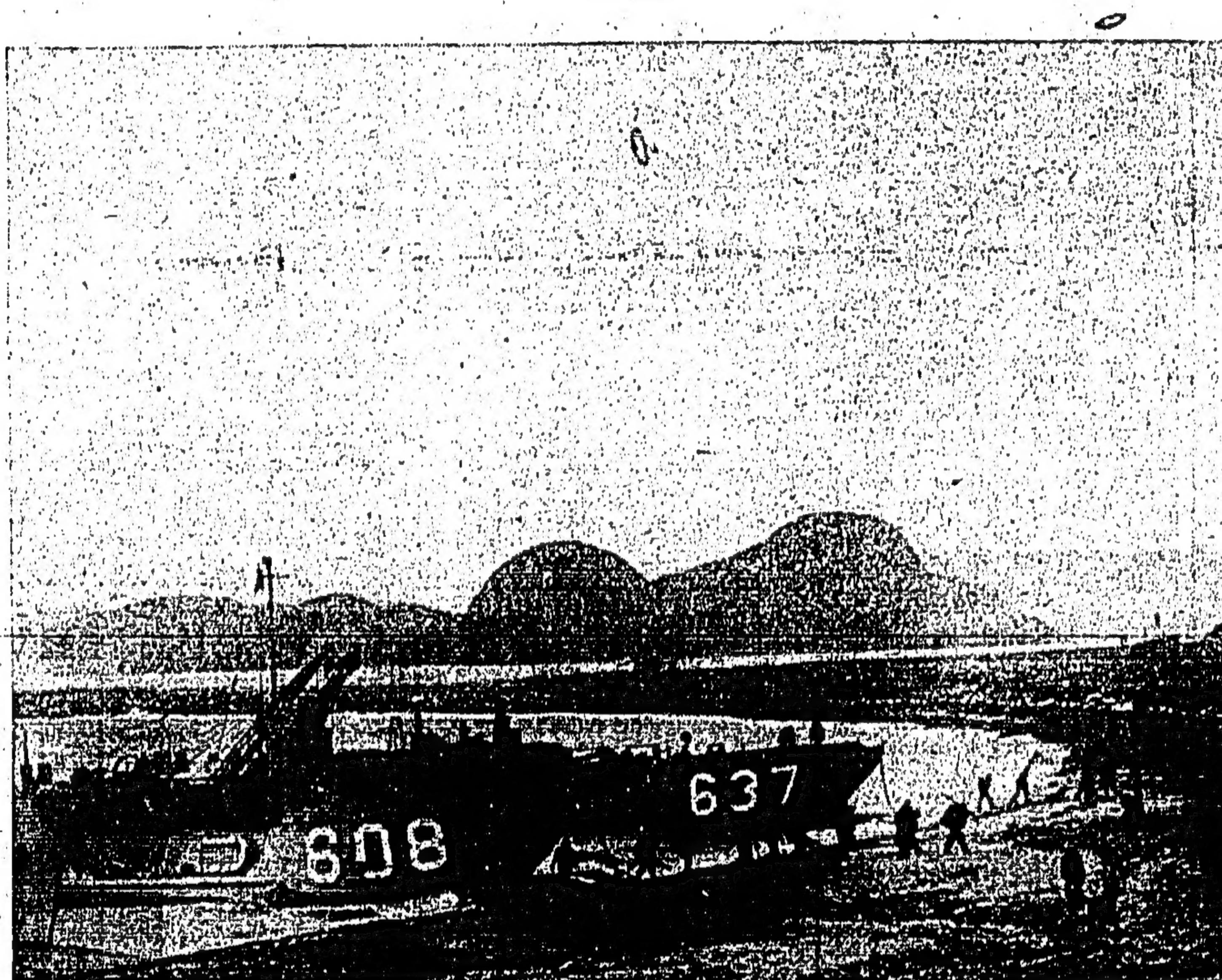
JAPANESE LANTERNS—A feature of the first annual Culture Day parade in Tokyo was this lantern dance on the Imperial Palace Plaza. Witnessed by an estimated 30,000 persons, the celebration was adopted early this year as one of Japan's regular national holidays.



THE DEAD DIVIDED—A single strand of wire, once used by the U.S. Signal Corps, stretches across the cemetery in Gorizia, Italy, marking the new boundary line between Italy and Yugoslavia. Persons once buried in their native Italy lie in a cemetery one-third of which is now Yugoslavia. Frontier guards have already created incidents with those visiting the dead.



COMPLETE WITH ROYAL CREST—Louise Roberts, left, displays one of the 100 diapers that have been sent to Princess Elizabeth by the U.S. National Institute of Diaper Services. Hostess Beth Antosh holds the parcel which was flown to London from New York, to be used by baby Prince Charles.



NORTHERN LANDING—U.S. Marines stream ashore in the bleak, fog-shrouded shores of Argentia, Newfoundland, during the second phase of naval cold weather exercises. The landing craft are LSTs.



CHANGING IN MIDSTREAM—Kamila Mahfouz, of Cairo, gets a lift on to the liner DeGrasse in New York harbour by fellow late arrivals. One of three persons to miss the boat, she was taken out to the liner in a tugboat. Miss Mahfouz was bound for home after a visit to the United States.

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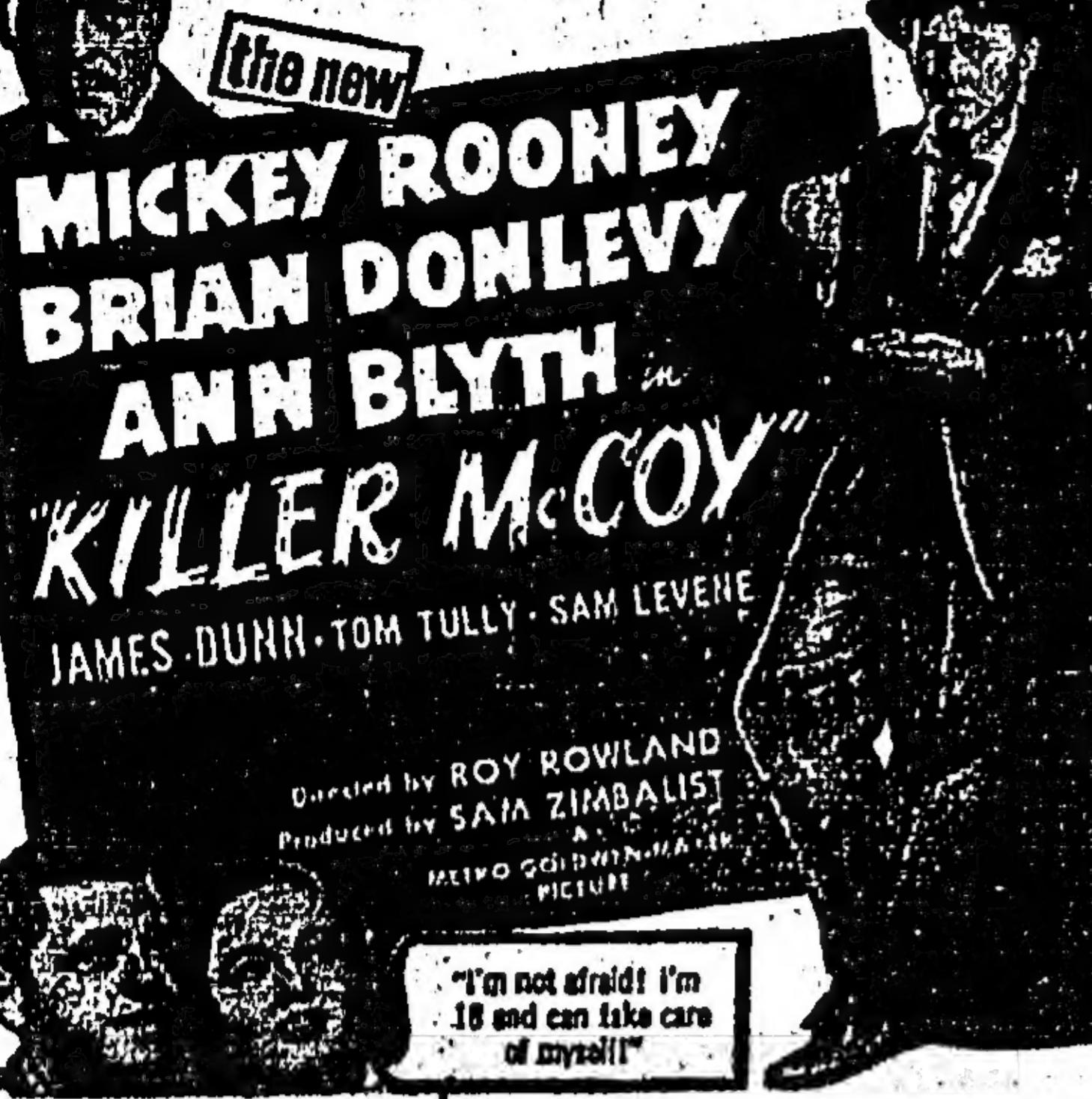


ALSO ON PARADE—Completely oblivious of the lordly spectators attached to the ceremonies of the Lord Mayor's Show in London, this terrier pup fell himself perfectly welcome. As the Lord Mayor Sir George Aylward accepts the salute of a sailor at Guildhall, the dog trots merrily along.

**TODAY'S
 "HIT
 COLOR"**
Tan *tan* *tan*
Tangle
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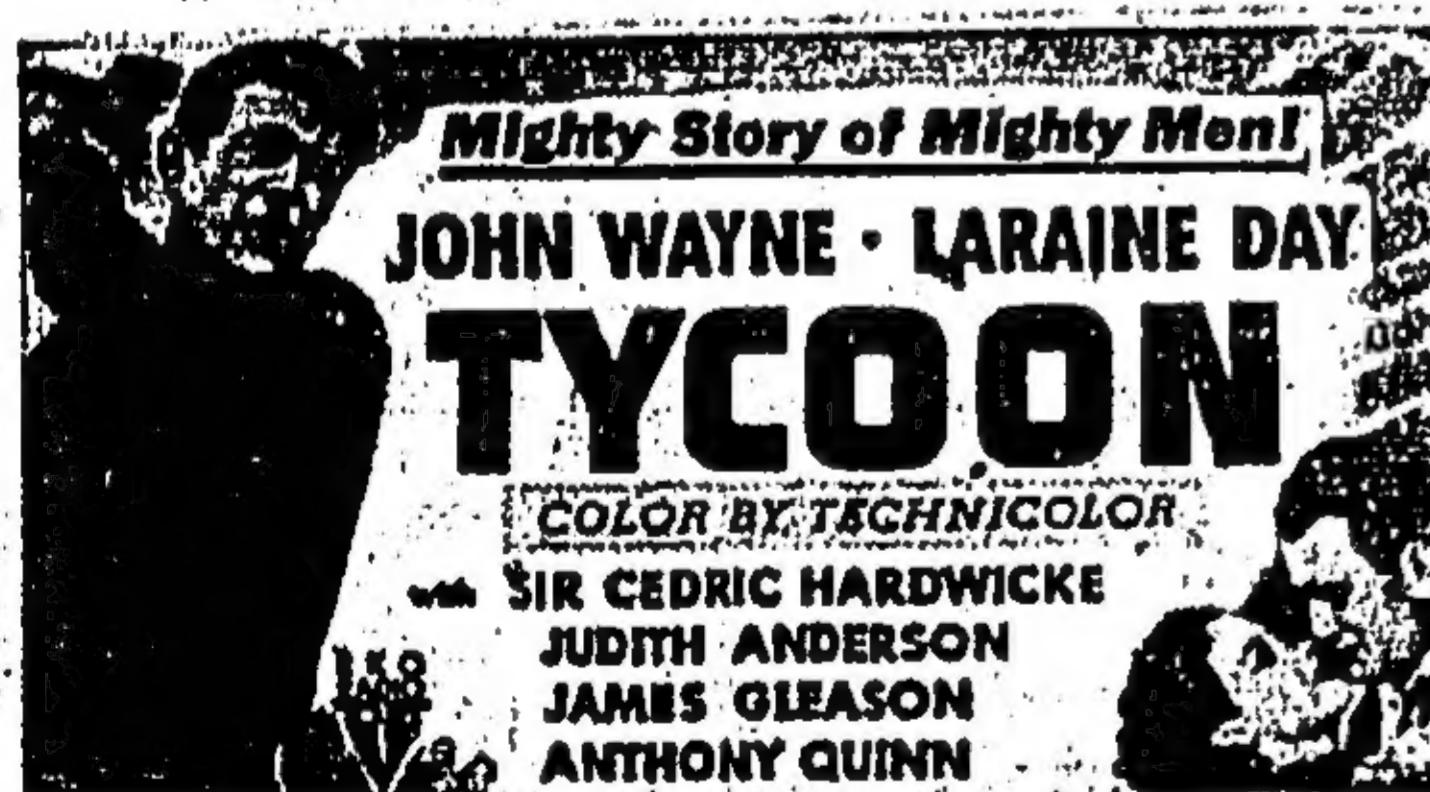
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The Story Of
Tokyo Ike

ISAAC SHAPIRO went on a solo camping trip in Japan when he was 14. That was four years ago, and he hasn't been home since. He wound up this year as a freshman at Columbia University to begin the last chapter of one of World War II's strangest stories.

An anonymous U.S. Marine colonel really wrote the last chapter of Ike's story. The Leatherneck isn't anonymous to Ike; it's just that young Shapiro, who made some lightning-like moves from a Japanese fortified zone to the U.S. Army to the Marines, doesn't want to put his benefactor on the spot.

After all, Ike points out, it was good Marine salesmanship that got him where he is right now.

His camping trip began soon after the Japanese armistice, when Ike got restless over long months of confinement in Yokohama's fortified zone. The camping idea was an excuse to get his father's permission to leave home; instead, he scampered off to Tokyo to see what the Yankees looked like.

He hadn't seen one before, so as far as he could remember, Ike's White Russian father is a violinist and conducts the Tokyo Symphony; his mother a pianist; they kept their son fairly well sheltered at home and in Japan's parochial schools. But he learned English, as well as Japanese, and Russian.

When Ike got to Tokyo, the U.S. Army almost got him. Outside MacArthur's headquarters, he helped out an Army captain who couldn't make himself understood to a Japanese bus driver. The officer offered Ike a job as interpreter, and even took Ike into headquarters to meet his prospective boss.

Marines Take Over

It was on the way out of the building a few minutes later that the Marines took over. A fast-talking Leatherneck Lieutenant, with whom Ike stopped to chat, sold him on the idea of the same job, plus better food and quarters, at the U.S. Naval Air Base at Yokosuka.

One week later, the base became an all-Marine operation. Ike's new commanding officer, the colonel, told him to stick around. Ike's been sticking around, so to speak, ever since.

The colonel-interpreter relationship ripened into a warm friendship between a war-wise officer and a willing-to-learn youngster. And the colonel decided to do something about Ike's future.

When he was transferred to Honolulu, the colonel sent for Ike, and got him into a Hawaiian high school. The report cards recorded nothing but "A" and the colonel began a letter-campaign to get Ike into a U.S. college.

Now Ike has settled down to the four-year grind at Columbia, and the colonel sailed off for a tour of sea duty.

There will be a whale of a two-man reunion come June, 1952.

BY SELKIRK PANTON

HAMBURG.
THE British in Germany are rapidly becoming the poor relations of the Germans.

The decision by the Kiel trade unionists to cold-shoulder British men and women (as a protest against a Military Government decision) is the latest symbol of a recent change in Anglo-German relations.

Even the word "Victory" seems to be denied to the British now.

They had their "Victory Club" in Homburg, which was opened when the British Army took the city. Recently the Germans hinted that they did not like it; it was, perhaps, not in the best of taste, not?

Down came the two-foot high letters, and the British Rhine Army now goes to the renamed Hamburg House.

Then up gets Herr Erich Klabunde, fiery young Socialist leader, in the Hamburg Senate and tells the British to get out of their Garrison Theatre. The Germans want it back, he says. He hints that there have been some "financial irregularities" in the British management.

He is applauded by the Germans. That is right, kick the British about. It is the latest German political sport. The British do nothing, but stay put—for the time being.

Too dear

IN Hamburg—there is an Anglo-German club, started by the British to improve relations with the Germans. Now senior British officials find it is too expensive for them. But the Germans can still afford it. The British officials are embarrassed.

The Germans ask them to their homes, or to German restaurants, for six-course meals unknown in Britain. When the Briton wants to return this hospitality, what can he do?

He cannot afford the German restaurant prices at the present exchange rate. He is ashamed to invite the Germans to eat Army rations in British messes or clubs.

Two reasons

THERE are two reasons for this new relationship. ONE is the top-level "Woo the Germans" policy, which credits them with being nearly always right.

THE OTHER is the German currency reform. This has sent every production graph leaping upwards, has filled the shops with goods, brought out the food from the farms, and given the people fairly stability to spend.

Even the British and Americans who carried out the reform are amazed by its effects. Industrial production is now 70 percent of the 1936 figure—the boom year when Goering started his "glory" instead of butter" production drive.

To the German this means prosperity. To the Briton it means poverty; he used to get 40 marks to the pound, now he gets 184. And

everything costs three times as much.

This absurd and artificial exchange is very close to the rate on which Hitler ran his Reich. But Hitler at least gave tourists 20 to 25 marks to the pound, far closer to the present real value of the mark.

The British in Germany have been told to cut their petrol consumption by 50 percent to save dollars. Not so the Germans.

They are excused the call for austerity. The fight to halt the dollar debt of £200 million a year for the imports of food, petrol, oil, seeds, and fertilisers which are given to them is not a German worry.

So cheerfully they ask the Anglo-American Bipartite Board in Frankfurt for as much petrol as they want. The British demur, and say "It could be cut by 20 percent without harming the German economy."

But the Americans, not short of petrol and with plenty of dollars, say "Let 'em have it." And the Germans get it.

Of course, it is intended only for business purposes. Pleasure and week-end motoring without special permits is forbidden. But if you are caught? The fine ranges from 3s. to 30s.

The British, of course, pay a fee to enter Germany. It is worth paying to see the food in Germany.

The Germans admit they are better fed than at any time since the war, possibly since before the war. The British and Americans are importing

The Germans get a monthly ration averaging 15 gallons a car, at the pre-war price of 3s. a gallon. A private British motorist in Germany gets 11 gallons.

The German, if he runs short of petrol, can buy all he wants on the black market at about 5s. a gallon—a serious offence for any Briton caught trying it.

So the German official or business man when he travels goes by car. The British official is forbidden to do this except in urgent cases. His best hope is to engage a lift from a German friend going the same way.

Even in the matter of visas the German has the advantage. Nearly 4,000 Germans are now going to Britain every month. Since the war 14,000 German brides have gone to Berlin to marry. But they paid nothing for their visas to enter Britain—a monthly loss of about £2,000 to the British Treasury.

The British, of course, pay a fee to enter Germany. It is worth paying to see the food in Germany. The Germans admit they are better fed than at any time since the war, possibly since before the war. The British and Americans are importing

almost twice as much food as last year.

Every German—whatever his ration—can buy vegetables and fruit without restriction. Eggs, potatoes, coffee, and spirits are cheaper on the black market than at the controlled price, and there is a glut of potatoes.

The off-ration food shop windows display turkey and goose at 7s. 6d. a lb, chicken at 5s. a lb. On-the-ration there is a choice of 30 different sausages.

They eat

THE restaurants, at prices slightly higher than I used to pay in Germany before the war, offer meals aplenty. "Mein Herr" has no ration coupons? Ah, that is quite simple. You pay perhaps an extra 1s. on the bill.

If you are British you cannot enjoy any of this food legally. It is forbidden to buy or consume any German produce.

Outside, the traffic in the narrow streets is awful. That queue over there? They are the British wives who have been to the family shop and are now waiting for a bus to take them home. It goes every half an hour.

It can be a cold wait, too, because passing Germans can hardly be expected to offer a lift in their cars.

How Films Were Invented In London

HOW many of today's vast cinema-going public know that they owe their entertainment to the discovery of an Englishman whose name today is almost forgotten.

Edison is widely credited in America with being the inventor of cinematography. On the Continent the claim is made for the brothers Louis and Auguste Lumiere, of France.

But the distinction in fact belongs to William Friese-Greene, who patented the first moving-picture camera and projector using celluloid films in London in 1891.

Not until two years later did Edison bring out his famous peepshow, the kinetoscope, says Ray Allister in "Friese-Greene: Close-up, an Inventor" (Maryland Publications 12s. 6d.), just published.

Friese-Greene was born at Bristol in 1855, youngest of seven children. His name was Green, but when he married he added his wife's name, and his final "e" to the Green "to give me balance."

He came to London in 1885. His "wonderful studio photographs" were all the rage.

But Green spent more of his time working on a pet idea—a moving-picture camera which used celluloid films.

One night in 1889 a London policeman on boat in Broads Street, Holborn, was startled by Green dashing up to him crying: "I've got it!"

To the German this means prosperity. To the Briton it means poverty; he used to get 40 marks to the pound, now he gets 184. And

Hustling the constable into his tiny laboratory Greene said: "Just wait a minute, and I'll show you the most wonderful thing you ever saw."

He threaded some 50 ft of celluloid film on to a reel.

Putting out the light

Greene said: "Now watch."

A fascinated policeman watched the flickering screen as it showed a man walking through Hyde Park dragging a small boy, followed by leisurely pedestrians, open-topped buses, slow-going horsemen—a typical Sunday morning parade.

It was the world's first film show, lasting barely a minute.

Greene that night went home and celebrated with champagne. But the camera never brought him a fortune.

A few months later he was so hard pressed for cash that he sold the patent for £500 to a London merchant, Harry Chester Master.

Records show that it lapsed in 1894 for want of a renewal fee of £5 and vision.

About this time Green forewarned the possibilities of synchronising night and sound on films—talkies.

Edison's photograph gave him the idea.

First film made on celluloid, Hyde Park, 1895.

So he wrote to Edison as a brother scientist and inventor" suggesting they should pool their brains.

All he got in reply was a formal acknowledgement from one of Edison's staff.

Years later Edison denied ever having been told about Greene's offer. But it was not long before one of his assistants greeted him with a film show one morning.

The manager's face was flushed on to the screen as the great inventor entered his office, and a recorded voice said: "Good morning, Mr. Edison."

Between 1891 and 1910, Greene was declared bankrupt three times.

Greene's next invention was a process for printing by photography. He sold it to Sir George Newnes, the publisher, for £3,000.

On Christmas Eve in 1915 an old friend, visiting Greene and his family in Brighton, had a shock.

They were without food or fire. After giving them all the money he had, he returned to London and appealed to the film trade for funds for Greene.

All he collected was £130 on 2d. One May morning in 1921 Greene, now 66, set out to attend a meeting.

BERNARD DREW

The film trade, shaken by the tragedy, set out to give Greene the honour it never paid him while he lived.

At three o'clock in the day Greene was buried in Highgate Cemetery.

Cinemas throughout Britain observed a two minutes silence.

Along the funeral route from Golders-green the whole film industry turned out to pay homage to its founder.

In Highgate Cemetery today the Sir Edwin Lutyens' memorial to Friese-Greene gives the patent, number No. 10301, of Greene's first moving-picture camera.

The inscription says simply: "His genius bestowed upon humanity the boon of commercial cinematography."

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Actions Speak Louder...



By Ernie Bushmiller



TOMORROW'S LEAGUE CRICKET

RECREIO STAND COMFORTABLY TOP OF THE LEAGUE

Except for three postponed games, tomorrow's programme will see the end of the first half of the First Division Cricket League season. Recreio have a comfortable three-point lead on the Army and will be up against an easy opponent.

Army, to close this margin, require a win while Recreio draw. The chances are that Recreio will win comfortably tomorrow while Army, faced with the now formidable Scorpions, should draw at best, perhaps lose.

Cricket is the most unpredictable of games and what may be looked forward to from the second half of the season should be far different from what was served up in the first half.

Recreio has been a steady quantity all through. Their team is no better or worse now than it was when the season commenced. There have been some radical changes of form in most of the other teams.

Craigengower and KCC, apparently the Army as well, seem to have fallen off what they were in October and November.

The RAF and the Optimists have found their ups and downs and should continue having them. KCC have had no bright afternoon so far. Royal Navy are still waiting for the day when a full eleven can face the opposition.

TEST MATCH

S. Africans All Out For 161

Durban, Dec. 16.—In a race against the weather, England's bowlers dismissed South Africa for 161 by tea-time today in the first Test here.

Bad light prevented her batsmen from forcing home the advantage, for with England's score at one for no wicket, stumps were drawn 45 minutes early. This decision was made after a wait of more than half an hour for an improvement.

From the time that Alec Bedser and Cliff Gladwin took the new ball at 149, South Africa lost five wickets for 13 runs in 20 minutes. A persistent drizzle fell during that time.

Helped by the heavy, humid atmosphere, with their swing bowling, Bedser and Gladwin took four for 39 and 3 for 21, respectively.

Roland Jenkins, playing in his first Test match for England, got a wicket with his third ball. The bowlers were backed up by excellent fielding and good catching.

South Africa made a bad start losing her first two wickets for 18 runs. Then the captain, Dudley Nourse, and Bruce Mitchell, playing in their 39th Test, came together in a third wicket partnership of 51, and seemed to be carrying South Africa through an awkward period when Nourse, with his score at 37, fell to a marvellous catch by Alan Watkins. Mitchell was out for 27, one of Bedser's victims.

D. Begbie, who joined Nourse as joint top scorer with 37, and Dawson (24), put up 40 for the sixth wicket before the ultimate collapse, which saw only 13 runs added in 20 minutes.

The tea interval was prolonged to 35 minutes because of rain, and when a start was made an appeal against the light was upheld when only two balls had been bowled.

England were one run for no wicket when play was thus brought to a premature close.—Reuters.

EARLIER PLAY

South Africa had made 74 runs for three wickets at the lunch interval in their first Test against the MCC.

England made a good start, dismissing three of South Africa's best batsmen for 74 runs in 105 minutes before lunch. Fifty-one of these runs came from the third wicket partnership between Dudley Nourse, South Africa's captain, who claimed 37, and Bruce Mitchell, playing in his 38th Test.

Jenkins, England's so-called "secret weapon", got a wicket with his third ball in Test cricket. The other wickets were claimed by Bedser and Wright, who used his new shorter run up and showed improved form.

After two wickets had fallen for 18 runs, a great responsibility rested on Mitchell and Nourse, and they appeared to be carrying South Africa through an awkward period until a marvellous catch by Watkins at forward short-leg off Wright dismissed Nourse.

At lunch, Mitchell was still unbeaten with 21 to his credit.—Reuters.

The teams were:

South Africa.—D. Nourse, E. Rowan, O. Wynne, B. Mitchell, W. Wade, D. Begbie, O. Dawson, A. Rowan, L. Tuckett, N. Mann and C. McCarthy.

England.—L. Hutton, C. Washbrook, R. Simpson, G. Mann, A. Bedser, D. Compton, C. Gladwin, T. G. Evans, A. Watkins, D. Wright and R. Jenkins.

Score:

S. Africa, 1st Innings

E. Rowan, c. Evans b. Jenkins

O. Wynne, c. Compton b. Bedser

B. Mitchell, not out

A. Nourse, c. Watkins b. Wright

W. Wade, not out

Extras

Total (for 3 wkt.) 74

Fall of wickets: 1/9, 2/18, 3/68

Reuter.

By "RECODER"

OFFICIAL PUNCHED



Dayton, Ohio, football players examine the nose wound of head lineman Frank Jones after he had been punched in the face by Don Mills, Dayton guard, who objected to being put out of the game held at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Jones was not seriously hurt but was given a blood transfusion for loss of blood. Chattanooga players look on.—AP Wirephoto.

John Macadam's Column

Soccer Scramble Starts Early

Usually, it is about a couple of days before Christmas that the Soccer boys cast contemplative eyes over the League tables and mutter to themselves: "They'll go down and They'll go up, and . . . and so on.

Like the so-called milder weather (pass me that woolly vest) the muttering and the eyeing of the League tables has come earlier this year and, don't mention it to a soul, but there are a lot of chaps shivering in their goloshes.

It is an ancient axiom of the game of football that 34 points at the end of the season puts a side in a safe position—a position they can achieve by getting 20 points around Christmas.

This is one of the Old Directors' tales in which we ourselves believe and, this being so, a scrutiny of the week-end's tables indicates that whatever fight events are for the various championships, it will be croquet-on-the-lawn stuff compared with the fight to avoid going down.

Regard the deep end of the First Division—upwards from Villa (13 points), to Huddersfield and proud Preston (14), Sheffield United (15), Everton and Middlesbrough (16), with Chelsea, the Old Invincibles, lying not too far up with 19.

Understood to be £17,000. Powell, who had been provided with a house in Birmingham and whose transfer fee is a record for both the Villa and the Rangers, will play at right half for Aston Villa at Liverpool on Saturday.

Another International wing-half, Douglas Wright, has left Newcastle for Lincoln City. He was wounded in the same quarter, so we switched Cernik.

We don't want a foreigner to travel several thousand miles and then play a man from his hometown in the first match.

Especially if they play before empty stands.—United Press.

LET'S FORGET THE DAVIS CUP

FOR FIVE YEARS," THEY SAY

GATE RECEIPTS FALL FOR LACK OF A TILDEN

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Dec. 16.—Money talks loudly enough to be heard even by the most aloof and hidebound of lawn tennis associations.

Sports writers agree that no organisations are stiffer and more self-important than the various national tennis groups, but even these august personages are interested in cash.

And when cash remains stubbornly away from the box office, signs of life can be seen among tennis moguls.

Thus the 1948 Davis Cup challenge round produced the worst tennis and the most life of any such international final.

The USA retained the cup by whipping Australia five matches to none, and lost only two sets in the five matches.

Nor was it a great American team which so humiliated the Aussies. It was just a quartet of ordinarily good players, aged from 27 to 34.

NO GREAT NAMES

There were no great names, and so the customers stayed away from the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills.

Gate receipts for the three days were \$10,000. In 1945 at Melbourne the Cup finals drew \$80,000, and last year at Forest Hills the matches drew \$45,000.

"Davis Cup challenge round tennis hit a new low," wrote J. P. Allen of the New York Sun. "The Aussies' pathetic showing took on the aspects of a walk," said the Journal-American.

"Competitively and financially Davis Cup tennis has gone on the rocks," said the World Telegram. "Best solution would be to forget the whole thing, for five years and give foreign weeklings a chance to fatten up."

US Davis Cup official Walter Pate took notice of the criticism and the poor crowds.

BYPASS OLDSTERS

"I think we may bypass the oldsters like Frank Parker, Gardner Mulley, Bill Talbert and Ted Schroeder next year and let the youngsters play," he said.

Dr. Ellsworth Davenport, official Davis Cup referee and an official in the US National Singles tournament for 1948, admitted that the US Lawn Tennis Association is making special concessions to bolster the sagging morale of other nations.

"We are giving foreign players a favoured position on the stadium or grandstand courts for their matches in the singles tourney," he said.

"And we made arrangements about the draw, too—no foreign player is in the same quarter with a man from his own nation.

"For instance, Czechs Vladimír Cernik and Jaroslav Drobny were drawn in the same quarter, so we switched Cernik.

We don't want a foreigner to travel several thousand miles and then play a man from his hometown in the first match."

Especially if they play before empty stands.—United Press.

Aboriginal Makes The Grade

Jack Hasson, lightweight aboriginal boxer from Queensland, regarded as the future national titleholder, made a good beginning to his career in the bigger events when he knocked out George Kapeen, a useful opponent, in the second round of their Sydney Stadium fight.

It was Hasson's first fight in Sydney and he impressed critics with his short, straight punching and his ability to land a knockout.

He overcame first-round nervousness very well, stalked Kapeen from the opening of the second round, forced him on to the ropes with lefthand punches and made no mistake with a short right to the jaw which came 100 seconds after the round started. In this fight, Hasson weighed in at 9.8; Kapeen was 9.0.

SQUASH RACKETS

Pro Offer For Olympic Star

Sydney heavy-eight wrestler, Jim Armstrong, who was third in his division at the Olympic Games, is expected to refuse an offer of £10,000 a year to become a professional in England. A five years' contract is involved, with good terms.

Armstrong said that George Hackenschmidt, the famous old-timer had offered while he was in England to coach him and take him to the top in quick time. Armstrong will defend his New South Wales heavyweight title next month.

One-Hundredth Of A Second

Baseball Deal

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Branch Rickey announced today that Brooklyn Dodgers have traded outfielder Pete Reiser to Boston Braves for Mike McCormick and minor league player to be named later.

Rickey said it was a straight player deal with no cash involved. Reiser had been plagued by injuries ever since he returned from 20.

Rickey played 155 games for the Braves and batted .303. He played with the Reds before going to Boston.

It was the fourth deal of the meeting and came a few hours after the Cubs sent first baseman Eddie Waitkus and pitcher Hank Borowy to the Phillies for pitchers' Emilie "Dutch" Leonard and Walter Duble.—United Press.

By Reg. Wootton

Transfers

Birmingham, Dec. 16.—Aston Villa, assistant master of Hemley Norfolk holiday camp, caught a 25½ pounds pike, the biggest in Britain since 1970.—Reuter.

Major D. Burnett, last year's Army champion, hurt his back in the third game and had to retire, conceding his match to Flying Officer E. Waugh.

In the opening match of the contest, Flying Officer P. Drummond-Hay twisted his left ankle against Captain A. Bishop.—Reuter.

Sporting Sam

In one of the closest photo-finishes ever recorded in Australia, Solvino won the Nulla Nulla High-weight race recently, at Moonee Valley, Melbourne, from Star Port, Larn Lard third.

Only one hundredth of a second separated first from second, and second from third. All three horses might have been beaten in another stride by Our Land, who "came from nowhere" and finished inches away in fourth place.

Flight Mare Has A Foal

Flight, the greatest stake-winning mare of the Australian turf, has had her first foal. It is a colt by Dhoti, second on last year's list of winning sires, which "was headed" by Midstream, sire of Shannon and Borebrook. Flight, won 24 races, and £230,027 in stakes during her career.

By Reg. Wootton

Transfers

Birmingham, Dec. 16.—Aston Villa, at the bottom of the First Division, have signed four to Town, the Queen's Park Rangers, and a Welsh International, for

the coming season.

• FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

• MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

This Game Bid Has Slam Possibilities

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

MRS. HELEN SOBEL, of New York City, lived up to her rating as the outstanding woman bridge-player of the world when she again came through to win a championship at the national tournament held in Chicago. She and her teammates, Mrs. Margaret Wagar, Atlanta, Ga., Charles H. Goss and John R. Crawford, Philadelphia, were the masters mixed team-of-four title.

One might think that in kibitzing Mrs. Sobel, it would be quite thrilling to watch her execute fancy plays, but that is not so. She does not rely on the spectacular. Precision and care are the great qualities of her game.

There does not appear to be anything particularly startling in today's hand. But Mrs. Sobel knew that to win the match, she should

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make six-odd, especially if North held the ace of hearts and king of diamonds, and she proceeded to play on that assumption.

She won the opening lead of the three of hearts in dummy with the queen, cashed the king and queen of spades and overtook the jack of spades with her ace. Then she immediately played a heart. If North had gone up with the ace, Mrs. Sobel would have had 12 cold tricks. But North made it as difficult as possible by playing low.

Mrs. Sobel won in dummy with the king, cashed the king of clubs and led a low club to her ace. Two more rounds of spades were led, and North, who had discarded a small diamond on the third spade, now let go the four and eight of diamonds, blanking down to the king.

Mrs. Sobel guessed the situation and played her ace of diamonds, dropping the king, and at the end she simply conceded a club trick.

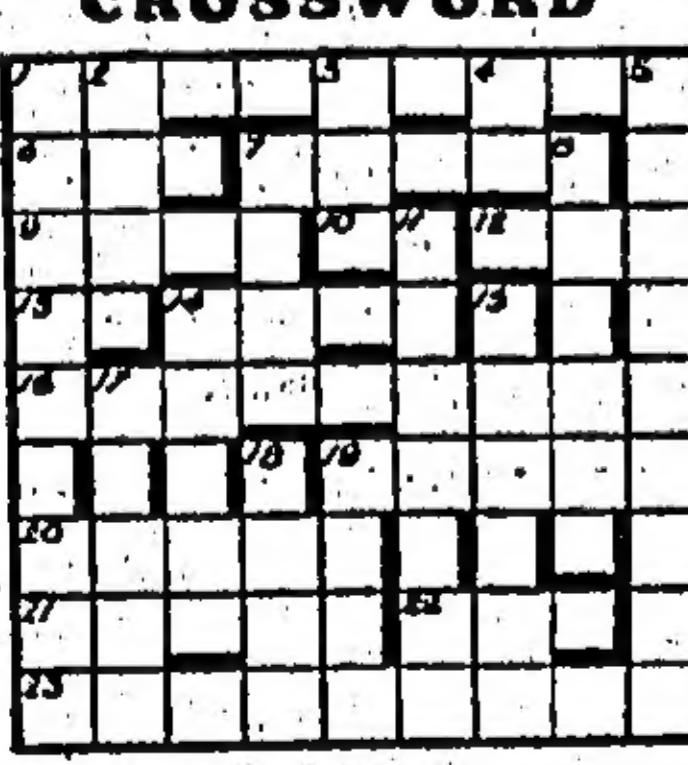
If North had kept the king and a small diamond, and blanked down to the ace of hearts, Mrs. Sobel would have thrown him in with a heart and forced him to lead from the king-eight of diamonds into her tenace position.

Check Your Knowledge

- From what did Samuel Clemens take his pen name "Mark Twain"?
- What was the greatest number of home runs made by a baseball player in any one season?
- From what is cork derived?
- On what island is the famous volcano Mount Pele located?
- Argentina's diet consists mainly of what food?
- In mythology who was the father of Jupiter?

(Answers on Column 4)

CROSSWORD



Jap Warlords' Appeal To Supreme Court Opens

VIOLATION OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION ARGUED

Washington, Dec. 16.—The attorney for seven Japanese war criminals today asked the Supreme Court to review their conviction by the International Tribunal. The hearing was limited by the high Court to the issue of its jurisdiction to look into the case.

William Logan, Jr., representing the Japanese warlords, was interrupted frequently by questions from the bench as he maintained that the Far East Tribunal was "strictly an American creation."

Mr Logan said establishment of the Tribunal by General MacArthur was illegal usurpation of the powers of the executive branch and the military.

The Solicitor-General, Mr Philip Perlman, contended that the convicted Japanese war criminals were not governed by and had no standing to assert rights under the constitution and laws of the United States.

Counsel for the Japanese contended the prosecution of criminals against "peace and humanity" retroactively violated the United States constitution.

Mr Perlman argued that General MacArthur acted for the Allied powers in concert. He said: "The Allied character of the occupation has been constantly recognised and reaffirmed by the United States Government, the Allied powers and the Far Eastern Commission. The dominion over Japan is held, not by the United States or by any single nation, but internationally and jointly by a group of powers."

LETTER OF AUTHORITY

Mr Perlman introduced a letter, written on December 4 by the Acting Secretary of State, Mr Robert Lovett, in which Mr Lovett outlined the authority, both from the U.S. and from the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission, under which General MacArthur established the Far Eastern Tribunal and affirmed the sentences passed.

Mr Lovett had written: "The Department of State regards the International Military Tribunal for the Far East as an international court appointed and acting under international authority."

Mr Perlman said that since the politicians were held under the judgment of the International Tribunal, no national court could review the judgment or any action taken to carry out judgment. It is expected the hearings will conclude on Friday and the Court will meet Saturday in its weekly secret conference, at which time the case presumably will be discussed and decided. The earliest announcement of the decision will be Monday; if there is no announcement then, none is expected until January 3.

GOVERNMENT'S WARNING

The Government today bluntly told the Supreme Court that America's role in world affairs will suffer if the Court interferes with the conviction of Japan's war leaders.

The statement was made by Solicitor General Philip P. Perlman, in a brief filed with the Court.

He said that American courts have no authority over sentences imposed upon Japanese convicted as war criminals by the International Tribunal.

The Court was scheduled later today to hear the counsel for the seven of the convicted war lords, challenge the legality of their trial by the Far East Military Tribunal. The immediate issue before the Court was its own authority to review the convictions. Mr Perlman has made it clear how the executive branch of the Government feels about it.

DEEP CONCERN

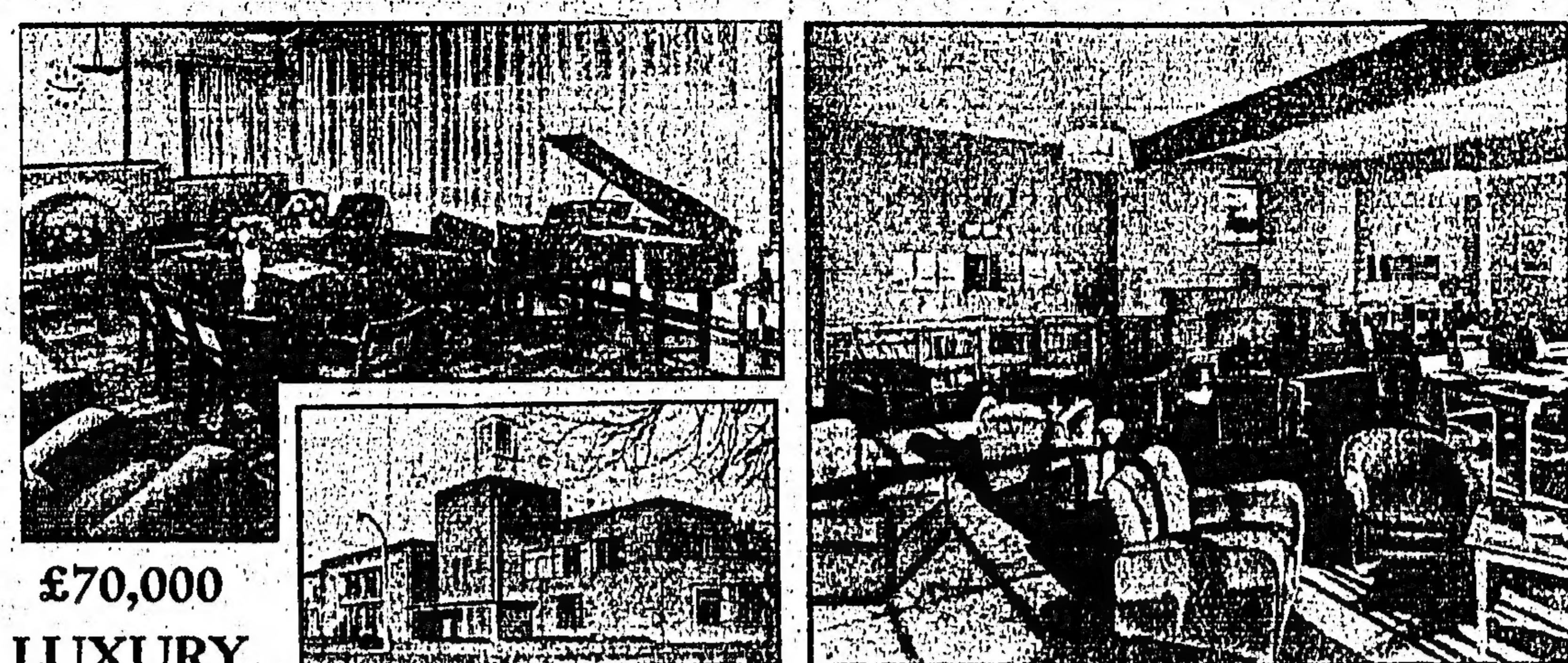
"We do not hesitate to declare the Government's deep concern at any such threat to our power to engage in international activities and most unhappy consequences can be anticipated... a peaceful and judicial settlement of international disputes, as well as the continued growth of world law is bound to be hampered. Other cooperative endeavours, such as United Nations activities will also suffer."

Switzerland's New President

Berne, Dec. 16.—For the first time in history, a Social Democrat was chosen President of Switzerland on Thursday with the election of Ernest Nobs, 62, as head of the State for 1949.

The new President was elected by the National Assembly in a secret ballot by 102 votes out of a possible 197.

Mr Nobs, a German-speaking Swiss, was formerly the editor of the Zurich Socialist paper *Volkswacht*. He is the head of the Department of Inland Revenue. He will continue his departmental duties during the 12 months of his term of office as President.—Associated Press.



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The Mystery Of The Missing Will

PROBLEM THAT WOULD HAVE TAXED INGENUITY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

London, Dec. 16.—If Sherlock Holmes could only walk the few steps from Baker Street to Grosvenor Square he would find a mystery worthy of his mettle.

That goes for other fictional detection wizards, including Perry Mason, Hercule Poirot, The Shadow and The Saint.

But at that it might be unfair to ask them to examine The case of the Missing Multi-Million Dollar Will. Truth is so much stranger than fiction in this instance that even Sherlock wisely might prefer to go back to plucking his violin.

Alleged Rubber Cartel

U.S. Department Of Justice Files Suit

Washington, Dec. 16.—The United States Department of Justice announced today that it had filed a suit to break up an alleged unlawful world cartel in natural rubber products.

The complaint, filed by the Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, named the defendants, the Dunlop Rubber Company, Limited, of London; the Consolidated Rubber Manufacturers, Limited, of New York City and London; and the United States Rubber Company of New York City.

It also named as conspirators 13 foreign companies.

The suit, filed under the United States civil anti-trust laws, charges "unlawful cartel agreements which prevent the import into and the export from the United States of products manufactured from natural rubber or latex."

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Mr Vinson observed that the constitution limited the Supreme Court's authority in international cases to those affecting Ambassadors and other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which the State was a party.—He then asked: "In which of those does this case fall?"

Mr Logan: "None of them."

However, Mr Logan added that he believed the constitution should be elastic enough to permit the court to go into other international problems. He said the U.S. President and military authorities, without Congressional approval, had created offences against the laws of the nation. He asserted this was usurpation of authority reserved for the United States Congress.—United Press.

Mr Truman Is

Silent On

Chiang Talks

Washington, Dec. 16.—At a press conference today, President Truman declined to add anything to his previous remarks made concerning Madame Chiang Kai-shek's visit. Asked if he would comment on her personal visit for tea with the Presidential family at Blair House, Mr. Truman said he would not.

The President revealed that he would deliver the State of the Union message to Congress in person on January 5 and later submit a special report on foreign policy.

In his first post-election discussion of legislative plans for the 81st Congress, he said the budget for the fiscal year of 1949 would be submitted to Congress either on January 7 or 10. His annual economic report will go up some time between delivery of the State of the Union message and submission of the budget.

ATTITUDE UNCHANGED

The first question tossed at President Truman was whether he had changed his mind about the Congressional spy-hunt in light of Alger Hiss' indictment on perjury charges.

The President said he had not, that he still thought it was red herring and that he considered the incident closed.

He said if Congress passed a salary increase for him he would not veto it. He added that he wanted it explicitly clear, however, that he had not asked for a raise in pay, but he did want more money for other top Government officials.—United Press.

FUTURE RICE RATIONS UNKNOWN

London, Dec. 16.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr Arthur Creech Jones, told Parliament today that he was unable to forecast what the future rice ration scales in Malaya would be until allocations by the International Emergency Food Committee for the first half of next year had been made.

He had been asked to what extent disturbance in Burma was likely to prevent an increase in the Malayan rice ration.—Reuter.

Reunion Ban Lifted

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The order keeping wives and children from joining British servicemen and Control Commission officials in Berlin was lifted tonight.

The British authorities in Berlin requested London on June 28 to stop sending families to the German capital because of the "delicate situation."—Reuter.

Paper Queries

Killings

Singapore, Dec. 17.—The Chinese owned English language newspaper, *Malaya Tribune*, demanded on Thursday that the Government explain fully the killing of 24 Chinese near Kuala Kubu on Sunday by a patrol of police and Scots Guards.

The Government has identified the slain Chinese as bandits, a term usually applied to Communist-led insurgents fighting the British in Malaya. The 24 were surprised in a camp on Sunday night. They were penned up in the camp overnight and the Government said they were killed when they tried to escape the next morning.

WANTS REASSURANCE

The Tribune said the public realise the war against insurgents was a grim business and it does not wish to hamper the men in the field by expecting them to fight in kid gloves.

"But at the same time we want to be reassured that when blood is shed, it is the blood of the guilty and not of the innocent," the newspaper said.

The affair at Kuala Kubu has a macabre air of execution without trial, as all the dead men proved bandits. To prevent their escape, was it necessary to shoot 24? Surely, the patrol, outnumbered two to one, must have been attacked, or escape would be made. Could they not have bound the prisoners?—Associated Press.

ADMIRAL TO BE AMBASSADOR?

Manila, Dec. 17.—Malacanang Palace sources today said Rear-Admiral Howard H. Godd was slated to become U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, succeeding Mr Emmet O'Neal, who resigned recently.

Admiral Godd, 52, commanded the United States naval forces in the Philippines until last May, is scheduled to retire from the Navy in January. He left here to become commander of the 18th Naval District at Seattle.

The report was not confirmed by other sources.—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Well, I guess that's the last time Shorty'll try to corner the roman candle market."

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